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§5–209.

(a) In this section, “property bondsman” means a person other than a defendant who executes a bail bond secured by real estate in the State.

(b) This section does not apply in the seventh judicial circuit.

(c) A property bondsman may authorize an agent in writing to execute on behalf of the property bondsman:

(1) a bail bond; and

(2) a declaration of trust or deed of trust to secure a bail bond by real estate.

(d) If all other requirements of law are met, a person authorized by law to take a bail bond shall take a bail bond secured by declaration of trust or deed of trust on real estate properly executed by an authorized agent of a property bondsman.

(e) (1) A person who acts as a property bondsman for compensation shall provide to the court documentation of ownership, tax status, and liens against the property posted.

(2) A person described under paragraph (1) of this subsection who willfully provides false documentation is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

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